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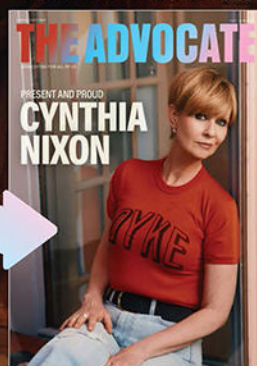
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PRIDE WORKOUT

PRIDE OF BROADWAY DIVAS

LEA
KRISTIN
IDINA
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MEGAN

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FLIP OVER —
FOR THE ADVOCATE!



DIVAS!

BROADWAY STARS **IDINA MENZEL, MEGAN HILTY, KRISTIN CHENOWETH, LEA SALONGA, AND MALEAH JOI MOON** TAKE THE STAGE FOR LGBTQ+ EQUALITY — CONTINUING A LONG TRADITION OF A THEATRICAL PARTNERSHIP IN WHICH WOMEN AND QUEER PEOPLE FIGHT FOR AND CELEBRATE ONE ANOTHER

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LEA in **BADGLEY MISCHKA**
Wine Belted Sequin-
Embellished Blazer and
Wide-Leg Sequin Pants;
VICTORIA BECKHAM
Pumps; **SHAHLA KARIMI**
Earrings, Bracelet, Ring

KRISTIN in **CHRISTIAN**
SIRIANO Black Lace
Dress

MEGAN in **ALBRIGHT**
Archival **VERA WANG**;
SHAHLA KARIMI Earrings
and Gold Bangle

MALEAH in **LEJANDRA**
ALONSO ROJAS Gold
Shibori Silk Gown; **MEGA**
MEGA PROJECTS / GROWN
BRILLIANCE Necklace,
Ring; **SHAHLA KARIMI**
Earrings, Silver Bracelet

IDINA in **PAMELLA ROLAND**
Jeweled Dress



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QUEEN LEA

FROM DISNEY PRINCESSES TO THE BROADWAY STAGE, **OLD FRIENDS** STAR **LEA SALONGA** USES HER VOICE TO SUPPORT LGBTQ+ PEOPLE — INCLUDING HER TRANS SON, NIC

It was the audition that launched a legendary career: In 1988 Lea Salonga sang “On My Own” from *Les Misérables* as the then 17-year-old Filipino singer vied for the lead role of *Miss Saigon* in London. Salonga got the part. She went on to lead *Miss Saigon* on Broadway and became the first actress of Asian descent to win a Tony Award.

Salonga has been a barrier-breaker on Broadway ever since (including in *Les Misérables* as Éponine). For a generation of queer Disney lovers, she is also the singing voice of two princesses, Jasmine and Fa Mulan. “There are folks who look at me in the face and say ‘Reflection’ is my anthem, that is my song when I was still trying to figure stuff out,” she says of the *Mulan* classic about the “secret me I’m forced to hide.”

“For a whole group of people with incredible, impeccable taste to look upon me as an icon? That’s it,” she says. “That’s the tweet, as the young ones say.”

Being on the cover of *Out* was an “easy ask,” Salonga attests, and it “felt timely” considering the wave of anti-LGBTQ+ attacks in the country. Earlier this year, Salonga spoke to *People* about being an ally for transgender young people like her 18-year-old son, Nic.

“It’s important for me to speak up for kids like my own kid, because trans folks are being erased, as if their existence never happened. But trans folks have been around forever,” she says.

“The only thing that trans folks, any LGBT person wants, is to exist and to live and to love in the way that they were born to. Full stop,” she adds. “And so I am advocating for my son to be a successful human being, to be the person that he has always meant to be. My job is just to usher this young person into figuring all of that out. And to try to defend him as best as I can.”

Alongside Bernadette Peters, Salonga currently stars on Broadway in *Old Friends*, a Stephen Sondheim revue. And her love for Nic is on full display during each performance of “Loving You,” a song from *Passion* that can be “a little creepy” within its original one-act musical about obsession, Salonga admits, but not in her heartfelt reinterpretation.

Salonga recalls how Julia McKenzie, an artistic consultant on *Old Friends*, whispered to her, “You have to sing this song for the person in this world that you love the most.” And so, “every night I sing it for Nic, wearing a purple jacket, which is Nic’s favorite color, so it’s like I’m channeling my son as I sing this anthem of love.”

Salonga carries this love into Pride season — and urges other parents of LGBTQ+ kids to do the same. “Just love your kids and be proud that they are brave enough to fight for who they are,” she says.

What’s next? Salonga will perform as The Witch in *Into the Woods* in the Philippines, and Nic will play Jack. “It’s gonna be a lot of fun,” she smiles.

ARAKS Black Slip Dress; **BRUNELLO CUCINELLI** Black Cap; **MEGA MEGA PROJECTS** GROWN BRILLIANCE Necklace and Bracelet; **SHAHLA KARIMI** Ring

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